

CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER

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REINDEER IN SCOTLAND

THIS year the children of the Scottish village of Aviemore are eagerly looking forward to their Christmas Party, for they are hoping once again to see not only Father Christmas, but a sleigh loaded with presents and pulled by real, live reindeer.

Last year the children of the Forestry Commission staff thoroughly enjoyed a party—and a sparkling Christmas tree—at Reindeer House, Glenmore, nearby. To the delight of the young guests, Santa Claus was followed into the candle-lit room by a large antlered reindeer and a docile reindeer calf.

A few of these semi-tame animals from northern Sweden were introduced to Rothiemurchus Forest and the Cairngorms in Scotland during 1952-1955 by Mr. Mikel Utsi of Harston, Cambridgeshire, who was encouraged by the Reindeer Council of the United Kingdom. It has now been proved that reindeer can survive, and also breed successfully, in the British Isles, and the herd, numbering some forty head, has become a tremendous tourist attraction.

Meat and Milk

Why were the reindeer brought to Scotland? They produce delicious meat, excellent skins, rich creamy milk and are useful draught animals. Of course, they are highly valued for their antlers (carved for crafts) and their light warm grey-brown hair, which is inter-

woven with wool for fashion fabrics.

During much of the year one herder tends the reindeer almost single-handed. The far-ranging animals require no shelter, are entirely vegetarian, and find their own fodder—when necessary scraping with their strong, broad hoofs for “reindeer moss” beneath the snow.

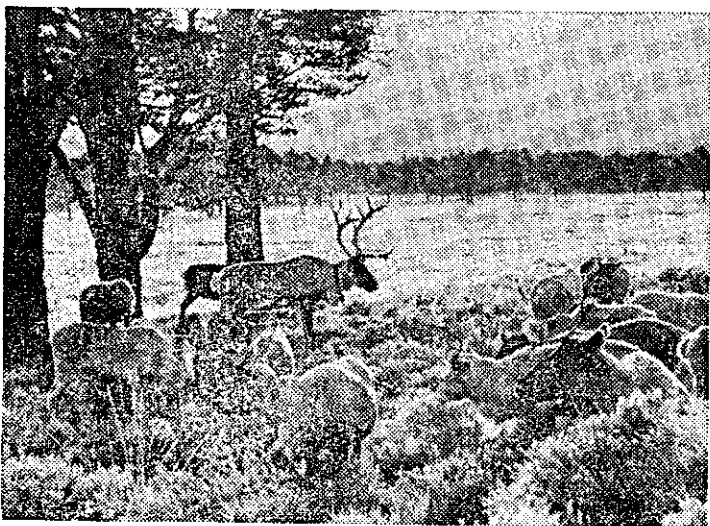
Lichen-Eaters

This “moss” consists mainly of ground, rock and tree lichens (which are not eaten by any other animal) and is at present an entirely unused natural plant of the Scottish highlands.

Lichen is the staple diet of the reindeer, but in spring and early summer it is supplemented by grasses, tips of heather, willow, birch and blaeberry leaves. In autumn, mushrooms are very popular with the animals.

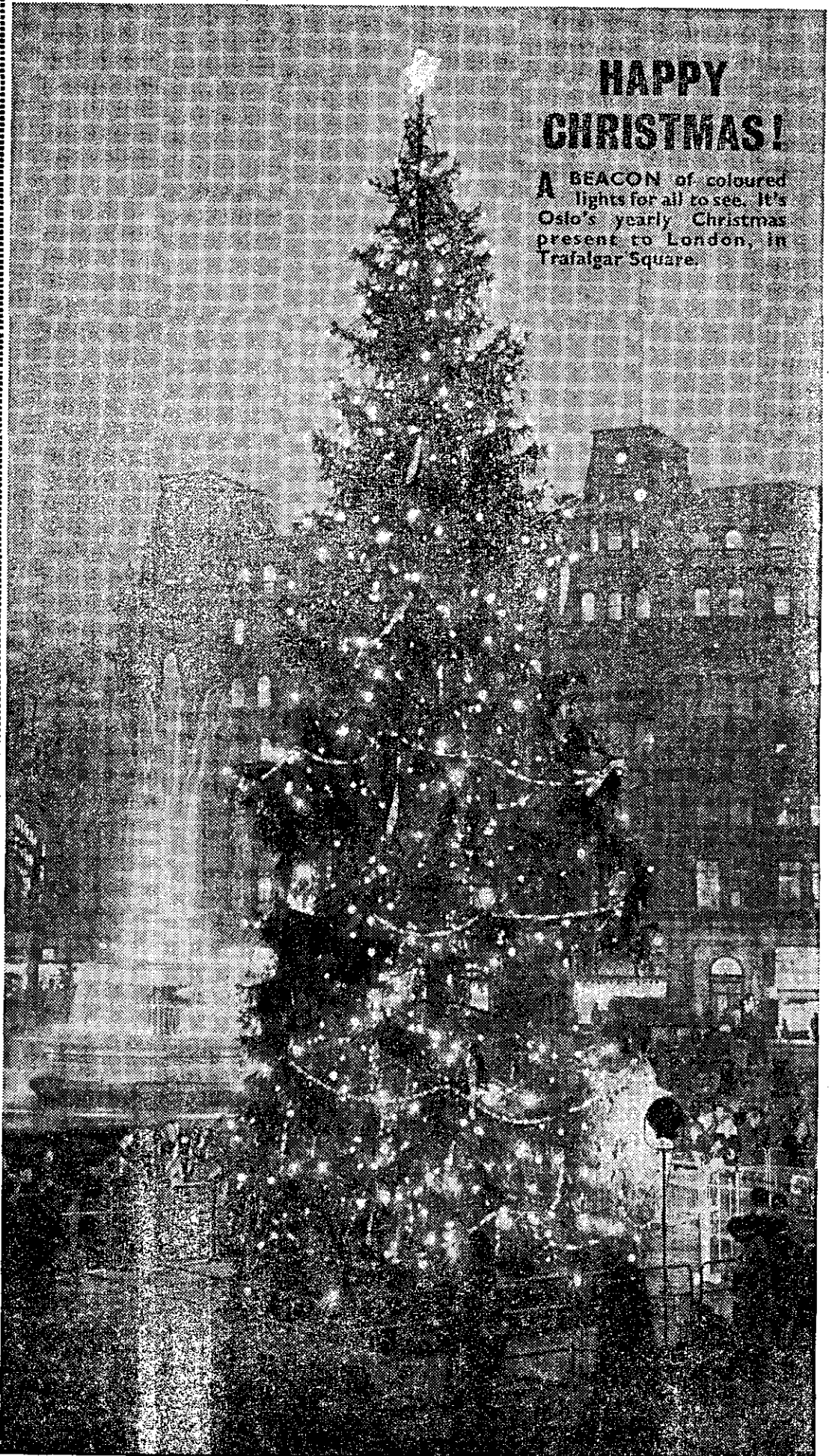
Occasionally biscuits, which the reindeer are taught to expect from the herder, are used as a help in catching them.

Would you care to visit the only herd of reindeer in the British Isles? If so, write, well in advance, to Mr. Utsi or the Chief Herder at Reindeer House, Glenmore, Aviemore, Inverness-shire, Scotland.



Reindeer feeding in the Cairngorms region of Inverness-shire

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**HAPPY
CHRISTMAS!**

A BEACON of coloured lights for all to see. It's Oslo's yearly Christmas present to London, in Trafalgar Square.

CHRISTMASTIDE

The first Christmas of Joseph, Mary, and the Holy Child has retained its freshness and significance for nearly two thousand years. But over all those centuries many other things have made their appearance and taken their place in the Christmas Festival as we know it today.

In England the first name given to Christmas was "Cristes Masse," first recorded in 1038.

The first "Father Christmas" is reputed to have been the venerable Saint Nicholas, the Bishop who loved children, and who, with long white beard, mitre and scarlet cloak, loaded them with fruit and gifts.

The first English carol dates

blood, the white flowers His absolute purity, and the dark, prickly leaves the Crown of Thorns.

The first mince-pie was not made with fruit, as today, but of mutton, shaped as a manger. It was the original mutton-pie.

The first Christmas Crackers appeared in 1874 and were made by Thomas Smith. They were



The first Father Christmas is reputed to have been St. Nicholas

from the 13th century and was originally written in Anglo-Saxon.

The first collection of printed Christmas carols came from the early press of Wynkyn De Worde, in 1521. Turkeys were introduced in the same year, but were very rare until the 18th century.

The first Christmas Hymn is "Of the Father's Love Begotten." It is still sung not only in the annual service at Oxford, but in most Christian churches.

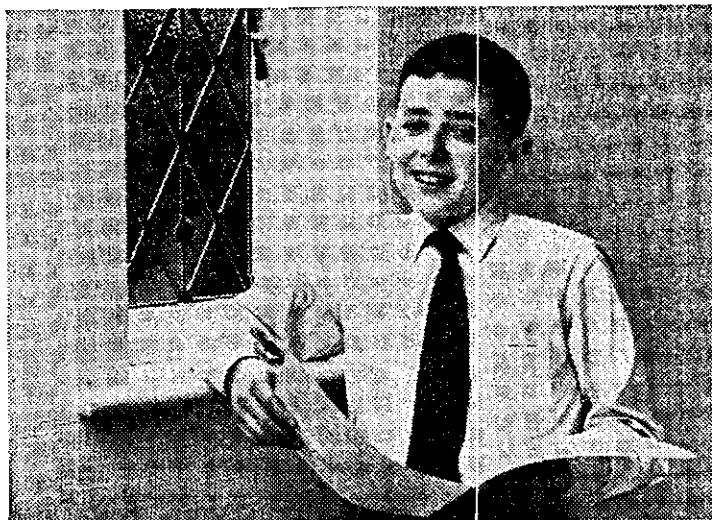
The Holly tree—or Holy tree—was first used by churches at Christmas time as a symbol of our Lord. The bitter bark exemplified His sorrow, the red berries His

originally called "bon-bons."

The first Christmas Tree was introduced in Strasbourg in 1605. It was later brought to England from Germany by the Prince Consort for a children's party at Windsor. It was loaded with a variety of presents valued at about ten thousand pounds—a very large sum in those days.

The gift of an outsize tree for London's Trafalgar Square from our Norwegian friends is now an annual event. It has set a new fashion, too, for most villages, towns, and cities have adopted the same idea on a smaller scale.

CHRISTMAS ON RECORD



Singer Michael Levin: he also plays piano and oboe

DON'T CATCH FIRE!

The danger of fire at Christmas can easily be overlooked. Among the Fire Protection Association's rules for avoiding it are:

Anchor the Christmas tree firmly in a bucket of damp earth well away from the fireplace, doors, or draughts.

Electric bulbs are safer than candles as a tree decoration, but the flex should not be strained or frayed.

Decorations should be kept well clear of electric lights or anything hot.

Loose paper wrappings on the floor are an additional fire risk. So clear them up as soon as possible.

Portable heaters always need a good guard in front.

WHERE THOSE TREES COME FROM

Last year the Forestry Commission provided about 500,000 Christmas trees for the British market, mainly from the West of England and North Wales.

Men and dog patrols were busy among the 500 forests controlled by the Commission, guarding against thieves.

The trees are sold to the trade at about 2s. a foot, from the first growing branch, and are ready for the market after about three to four years of growth.

The seed of the common, or Norway, Spruce, disliked by some people as a landscape-spoiler, but loved by most as a Christmas-tree, is imported by the Forestry Commission in Britain from several European countries.

This particular conifer was even a native of Britain once—before the great Ice Ages.

NEXT WEEK'S CN

The issue dated 28th December will be published on Monday, 23rd December.

MICHAEL LEVIN's first disc, recently released by Columbia Records, carries the titles "MARY'S BOY CHILD" and "THE LITTLE SHEPHERD KING." This 13-year-old boy soprano is credited simply as "Michael."

A pupil at the Royal Grammar, High Wycombe, where he sings in the school choir, Michael also studies piano and oboe at the Royal College of Music. It was there a year ago that he sang before the Queen Mother.

Michael wants to become a barrister, and is hoping that the record may help pay his university fees later on. Meanwhile he will be presenting a number of copies to the Children's Country Holidays Fund, which will use them for money-raising purposes.

It seems to me...

ABOUT this time last year I was lying in a hospital bed with my head swathed in bandages. The nurses told me I looked like a wounded war hero or a pirate, but I was feeling neither heroic nor piratical. I was fed up.

With Christmas coming on, that hospital ward seemed a very lonely place. I lay there envying all the people outside who were rushing about buying presents and getting more and more excited about the forthcoming festival.

Then, one evening, when the ward was quiet, I heard singing somewhere outside. A carol. It got louder, and a procession of red-cloaked nurses came in through the door.

They sang several carols, and then went on to tour the other wards. They hadn't stayed long, but after they had gone everything seemed different. They had brought the spirit of Christmas with them.

The Christmas spirit is still a very real thing, in spite of what some people may say. Christmas is still a season of goodwill, a time when we are perhaps a bit nicer to others than we normally are, and that alone would make it worthwhile.

And of course it's fun too. I certainly hope it will be for you! Merry Christmas!

The Editor



Carols from nurses of London's Westminster Hospital

Christmas Events

CAMBRIDGE AND YORK: The annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, one of the finest sound broadcasts of the year, will be heard both from King's College, Cambridge, and from York Minster on Christmas Eve. 3 p.m.—4.30 p.m.



LONDON: Children's Christmas Eve Carol Service in Trafalgar Square organised by the Daily Express. 5 p.m.—6 p.m.

LINCOLN: The beautiful hill-top cathedral will be floodlit from 24th December until 6th January.



READERS' LETTERS

HEARING FROM INDIA

Dear Sir,—I have got your name and address from the embassy of England which is in Delhi. I am very glad to write you because I want some pen-pals from your sweet country.

Well, first I will let you know who am I. Yes, I am 17 years in age and my name is Awtar Singh Banga. I am a boy and belong to a Sikh family.

English is the only foreign language I know.

My hobbies are: Stamps, First Day Covers, view cards,

coins, exchanging gifts, and specially I like to pen-friend in various countries.

I hope this is good enough for you to publish in your paper. I want to read your paper continually forever.

With my best wishes to my future friends.

Awtar Singh Banga,
Block No. 3, Quarter No. 28,
Subhash Nagar,
N. Delhi-18, India.



Parliament House, New Delhi, capital city of India

BEATING THE BEATLES?

Dear Sir,—I am writing to tell you of the pop group my pals and I have formed.

This was the result of our combined efforts to raise money for the instruments. Our first guitar was obtained when we had saved up enough money in three months to buy one at a second-hand shop. Not a penny was spent on sweets or other temptations and soon we had three guitars and a harmonica.

The problems of getting a set of drums were more urgent. Each of us got two drums for Christmas, and when we put them together our set was complete.

Borrowing a tape-recorder from a friend, we now have made quite a few successful recordings.

S. Hawley, Ferrybridge, Yorks.

PLENTY TO READ

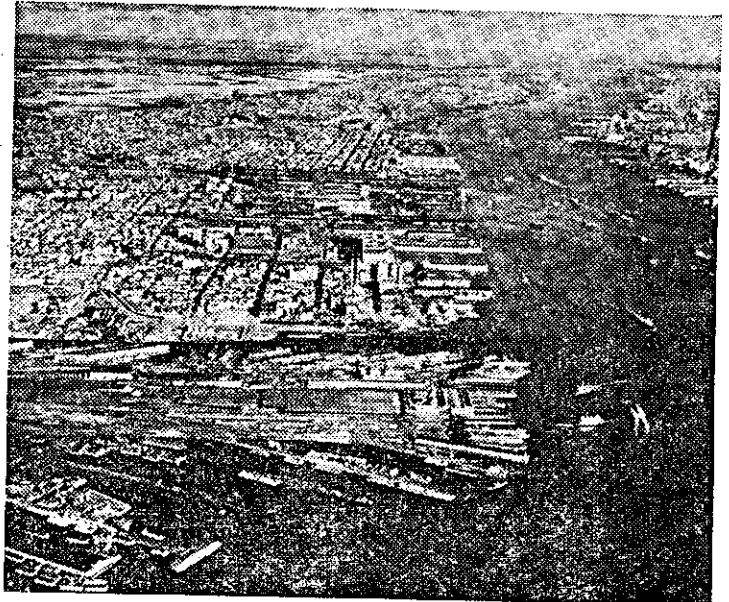
Dear Sir,—I am writing to tell you about our school library.

It has over 1,000 books belonging to it, as well as 2,000 on loan from Essex County Council.

I think our school library is one of the biggest in Colchester.

H. Gooze, Colchester.

QUITE SURPRISED!



Jersey City and its dockyards on the Hudson River

Dear Sir,—I have just gotten through reading your issue dated 12th October, and I must say I was quite surprised to see the number of children who are bored with summer vacation.

I live in USA, in the State of New Jersey. We get three months off for vacation.

This past summer our family went on a trip for six weeks, and for the remainder I went to parties, to our country club, clam-

ming, fishing, and also on bike trips. On rainy days I read books or made things.

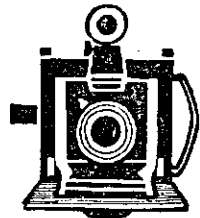
The things I have listed are just a few of the ones you can do during the summer in the U.S.

Gretchen Bailey, (12), Pittstown, New Jersey, USA.

When we published Christopher Robinson's letter about meteorology, we omitted to give his full address. It is 7 Duesberry Street, Princes Avenue, Hull, Yorks.

KNOW YOUR NEWS

WELL—DO YOU?



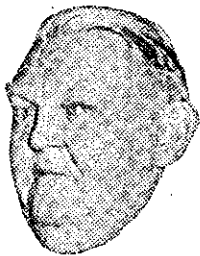
The following questions are based on the KNOW YOUR NEWS articles we have published during 1963. See how many you can answer.

1. Sir Winston Churchill entered his 90th year on St. Andrew's Day, 1963. State the date (day, month and year) of his birth. (Three marks.)



By our
Special Correspondent

6. During the past two months new leaders have come to power in (a) Britain (b) the United States (c) West Germany. Names, please. (Three marks.)

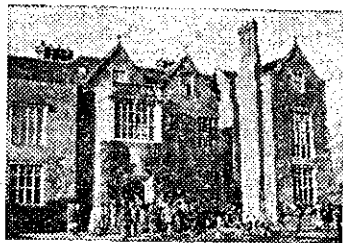


2. Who are Viscount Linley and his parents? (Three marks.)

3. The Central African Federation (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland) will be dissolved on 31st December. What happens afterwards? (One mark.)

4. If you went to Chequers, which Cabinet Minister would you probably find there? (One mark.)

5. Which member of our Royal Family this year gained a Bachelor of Arts degree in history at Cambridge University? (One mark.)



7. What is the Prime Minister's official residence in London? (One mark.)

8. Which four States make up the new Federation of Malaysia? (Four marks.)

9. What are the (a) Buchanan

and (b) the Robbins Committees? (Two marks.)

10. Name the latest African colony to become independent of Britain. (One mark.)

11. What is the official Government title of Mr. Khrushchev, the Russian Prime Minister? (One mark.)

12. Who is the Russian Head of State? (One mark.)

13. Fit countries to the names of these leaders: (a) Dr. Nkrumah (b) Mrs. Bandaranaike (c) President Tubman (d) Sir Alexander Bustamante (e) Dr. Hastings Banda (f) Dr. Verwoerd. (Six marks.)



Dr. Nkrumah



Mrs. Bandaranaike

14. Who is the Head of the Commonwealth? (One mark.)

15. Where is West Irian? (One mark.)

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

1. 30th November, 1874.
2. Two-year-old Viscount Linley is the son and heir of Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon (formerly Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones).
3. The three territories continue separately under their present constitutions.
4. The Prime Minister; it is his official country residence and is in Buckinghamshire.
5. Prince William of Gloucester.
6. (a) Sir Alec Douglas-Home (b) President Lyndon B. Johnson (c) Dr. Ludwig Erhard (whose portrait is given).
7. No. 10 Downing Street.
8. Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak and North Borneo (renamed Sabah).
9. (a) Professor Colin Buchanan's committee of inquiry into Britain's traffic congestion (b) Lord Robbins' committee of inquiry into higher education.
10. Kenya—12th December, 1963.
11. Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).
12. Mr. Leonid Brezhnev, President of the USSR (which is a federation of 15 constituent republics).
13. (a) Ghana; (b) Ceylon; (c) Liberia, West Africa; (d) Jamaica; (e) Nyasaland; (f) South Africa.
14. The Queen.
15. In New Guinea; it is now part of the island Republic of Indonesia, having formerly belonged to Holland.

Here's a guide to how you've done:—

(Highest possible marks: 30)
25-30: You're almost certain to be Prime Minister one day!

15-25: Not bad. Perhaps you'd better read KNOW YOUR NEWS a bit more carefully.

0-15: Never mind. You're probably good at games.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO...

Learn about the peoples, customs and traditions of other lands; learn about explorations, hobbies, nature, etc.; widen your general knowledge; join in international goodwill projects; start your own library with our specially bound books; enter for international competitions and write to pen friends in 80 countries; acquire a good understanding of the English language; wear the W.Y.F. & B.L. badge and receive birthday and Christmas cards, etc., etc.

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THIS WIDE WORLD

AIR SERVICE FOR THE SHERPAS

Since he and Sherpa Tensing became the first men to reach the top of mighty Everest ten years ago, Sir Edmund Hillary has been constantly trying to improve the lot of the people of Nepal.

This little country at the foot of the world's highest mountain is the home of those sturdy Sherpas who act as guides and porters to all expeditions which attempt the climb.

Sir Edmund's latest idea is an airstrip and a one-doctor hospital, and he hopes to raise the required £25,000 during the coming year.

"An airstrip," said Sir Edmund, "will mean the end of the long, tedious walk into the Sherpa country from Katmandu (capital of Nepal). And it will mean closer links with the outside world for the remote, isolated people."

MORE TIGERS, PLEASE

A scarcity of tigers is worrying farmers in Western Malaya! The tigers keep down the numbers of wild pigs which ravage their crops. But poachers and other unauthorised persons shoot the tigers, or else wound them so that they choose the easier life of being man-eaters or cattle-killers.

NOUVELLES DE FRANCE

Le comité du "Noël aux hôpitaux" prépare sa prochaine campagne 1963-64 dans 35 hôpitaux de la région parisienne. Environ 40,000 malades bénéficieront de ce "Noël."

Sapins décorés, goûter, programme artistique, distribution de cartes de vœux, seront encore complétés par la remise de cadeaux aux 6,000 vieillards des hospices, et aux malades sans visite et sans ressources, désignés par les assistantes sociales.

Le "Noël des hôpitaux" a un besoin urgent de chorales, chanteurs, instrumentistes, ou groupes pour la partie artistique de la fête. Ecrire à la Maison de la Médecine, 26 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Jacques (Paris).

A 10s. 6d. book token will be awarded for what the Editor considers the best translation received by Tuesday, 24th December, 1963. Send to: Nouvelles de France, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4. 30th November winner: Marion Matchett, 36 Montague Street, Portadown, Co. Armagh, N. Ireland.

NORWAY TO THE NORTH POLE —ON SKIS!

Ten young Norwegians with about 100 huskies are going to try to ski to the North Pole next year. If they succeed, they will be only the second expedition in history to get there on foot. The first one was led by Robert Peary the American explorer who reached the North Pole in 1909.

They intend ski-ing right across the Polar region, from Ellesmere Island in Northern Canada to West Spitzbergen. The journey, they estimate, will take from 90 to 100 days, at an average daily rate of 12 to 17 miles. They will take with them a new type of lightweight radio equipment, and

a plastic boat for the difficult crossings of the water between big islands. The boat has sleigh runners so that it can be drawn over the ice by the dogs.

They will study the pack-ice and drifting ice and also record their own endurance under the hazardous conditions.

ROBERT AND THE SILVERY CLOUDS

A Latvian schoolboy, Robert Vitolniak, has found out something about a mysterious natural phenomenon; the so-called silvery clouds that sometimes appear at a height of about 50 miles. By radio observations he has discovered a connection between them and a lower stratum of the ionosphere. His accurate forecasts of when the silvery clouds would appear have aroused great interest among the experts.

Robert fixed up a small radio telescope at his home.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



In Australia, where carols are sung in heat-wave weather, there is an annual festival which has a most unusual origin. Called "Carols By Candlelight," it takes place every Christmas in the open air, in the beautiful Alexandra Gardens in Melbourne.

Many years ago, Norman Banks, a broadcaster on the Australian radio network, was at home listening to the radio. At a window opposite was an old lady—also listening. But the room in which she sat was in darkness, except for a candle.

A link?

Banks's mind played around that candle. Not very long before, he had been asked by a child victim of polio, in hospital, to relay one of his programmes to the hospital. Why not, he thought, link the programme in some way to that candle?

The result came soon after. In the presence of over 10,000 people, the first festival took place. Admission price included a candle, which the visitor lit as he went in. Inside, in front of a symphony orchestra including famous Australian musicians, a choir of five hundred white-robed young

girls, all carrying candles, led the carol-singing, in which the vast audience joined. And in the darkness, under the summer sky, flickered the lights of thousands upon thousands of candles. Then, at midnight, the whole assembly united in "Auld Lang Syne."

The results of the festival, which is now an annual "must" on a Melbourne family's list, were spectacular—twenty-five thousand pounds to equip a splendid modern children's wing in the Austin Hospital; the endowing of beds; and broadcasts beamed to America!

And the child who first asked Banks for a programme? She is now grown up, cured, and has a child of her own, whom she takes to the festival each year.

When Norman Banks first saw that old lady with her candle, he never thought just how successful the idea it gave him would become!

MUDDY NESTS

Flamingos are gradually destroying their only breeding place in Europe—the small low islands in the shallow lagoons of the Rhone delta in Southern France.

The birds build queer cone-shaped nests with a cup on top to receive the eggs. By scooping up mud to build them, they are reducing the size of the islands.

The World Wildlife Fund has given a grant to restore the islands.

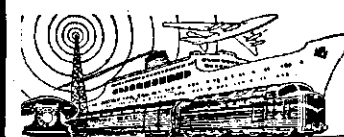
HALF THE WORLD IS WASTED

How to make the desert serve mankind has been studied by 600 scientists at a recent Unesco conference.

It was found that of the world's 23 million square miles of firm land, only 13,200,000—barely more than half—is fertile, and much of this has insufficient rainfall.

Water-saving and man-made rain were the two ideas which captured most attention.

BRIEFLY . . .



Job Lot

Four old street gas lamps from Mansfield, Notts, have been bought by an American for a building site at Claremont, California.

This year's Trafalgar Square Christmas tree (see page 1), given by Oslo to London, is 58 feet high.

A Wakefield headmaster has become a pupil at his own school—in the dancing class. He says it's good exercise.

Rising Tide

Venice has sunk nearly six inches into its lagoon in the past 50 years. The water will be level with the ground floors of many houses in 50 years' time.

Drinking the Sea

Scientists at a Leningrad institute claim to have produced a synthetic fabric which can filter sea water and make it drinkable. And at Buckeye, a dry area of Arizona, an installation for turning sea water into fresh has actually started working, and is providing about 500,000 gallons of fresh water a day. Sea water has to be transported to Buckeye, which is about 150 miles from the coast.

A French and an Italian firm have joined forces to produce a rocket mail service. If successful, it will deliver letters between London, Paris, Frankfurt, and Rome within 20 minutes.

A map of the Antarctic made by two of the first explorers there—the Russians, Bellingshausen and Lazarev (1819-21)—has come to light in Russia, and will be published. It consists of 15 sheets each over a yard long.

Royal Victim

Norwegian press photographers have awarded King Olav their annual "Decent Fellow" trophy for his patience with them over the years.

Pointing the Way

Schoolchildren in New Zealand are concentrating on decimals. Decimal coinage is to be introduced there in 1967.

LOOK AND LEARN

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QUIZMAS



FUN

If you write down the **FIRST** letter of each answer to the following questions, you'll soon get the message!

1 Heavenly messenger. 2 A promise. 3 Always fresh. 4 Pictured on our front page! 5 Special log. 6 It has red berries. 7 Wise Men came from —. 8 Bearer of Good Tidings. 9 Given at Christmas. 10 This — of Grace. 11 Another word for cradle. 12 Listen! 13 — David's City. 14 Goes with Holly. 15 Guiding —. 16 — Wise Men. 17 Mother of Jesus. 18 Share and share —. 19 Flock watchers.

Answers—

1 Angel. 2 Vow. 3 Evergreen. 4 Reindeer. 5 Yule. 6 Holly. 7 Afar. 8 Postman. 9 Presents. 10 Year. 11 Crib. 12 Hark. 13 Royal. 14 Ivy. 15 Star. 16 Three. 17 Mary. 18 Alike. 19 Shepherds—
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS

YOUNG PIANISTS

A **SURPRISINGLY** large number of you wrote to say you were learning the piano; so I'm sure you'll like to hear about Christine Ball of Whitby.

Christine, a 15-year-old with talent at her finger tips, won the regional heat, in Newcastle, of the National Piano Playing Competition for under 18's. Christine was then entered for the London Finals on 16th December.

This may provide nine-year-old Susan Luder of London with a goal to reach before *she's* 18. Susan says since she started to learn she has a better understanding of music in general. So come on, Susan; let's see if in six years' time you can be a winning piano player, too!

Susan also says: "Every girl who plays the piano enjoys entertaining at parties . . ." This

reminds me that, not so long ago, most boys and girls were expected to give a "party piece"—recite, play the piano or the violin, or do a little dance. Few recite now (thank goodness!) but there's still a lot of fun to be had by sharing your talents. If you're a piano player, you can, for example, give the beat-backing while a friend does the Twist; or you can help a guitar-playing Beatle fan.

SISTERS



"I caught him climbing down the chimney!"

CARDS AND CAROLS

By now I expect Christmas cards of all shapes and sizes have arrived at your home. Greetings from friends at home and abroad. Best wishes from next-door-neighbours, and loving messages from Mums, Dads, Aunts and Uncles, not forgetting, of course, the card with the signature you just can't read! Just who it's from you haven't a clue (and the postmark on the envelope didn't help!)

Most families receive one such card every year, which instead of

bringing Christmas wishes is a source of embarrassment, for how does one thank an unknown sender? The only good thing it does is to make one decide never to write one's own signature so badly.

So, if you've still got some cards to send, be sure to write your name *clearly* . . .

I LOVE to hear carol singers at the door, don't you? But there are always the few who spoil it for the rest—those unorganised groups whose one idea seems to be to make as much noise as possible so that people are glad to give them sixpence to get them off the doorstep. It's the old something-for-nothing idea with Christmas wrappings, and it's just plain cheating. So, if you're going carol singing with a group of friends, make sure you're worth listening to—and please don't knock at the door before you've sung at least one complete carol and have started on the next!

Vicky

PARTIES and PARADES

Among the many parties that will be held this Christmas, surely the most unusual—and very delightful—will be that given by the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals for their animal patients and guests!

Last year a donkey named Blinkers drew Father Christmas's carriage to this party, held annually at Ilford, Essex, animal sanatorium.

There the animals tuck in to a good spread. Three-tier Christmas cakes for horses contain lovely bran, treacle and rolled oats. For the dogs and cats the cakes are made from meat, liver and fish!

A special Cheese Parade takes place at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, the home of the Chelsea

Pensioners. Each Christmas the English Country Cheese Council presents several large cheeses to these grand old veterans. Free beer is supplied, too, to wash the cheese down!

A different kind of Yuletide Feast is held yearly by the Worshipful Company of Cutlers, in London. It is called the Feast of the Boar's Head. Mouth-watering delicacies are served, as in medieval times. The great moment of the feast is of course the boar's head procession. This

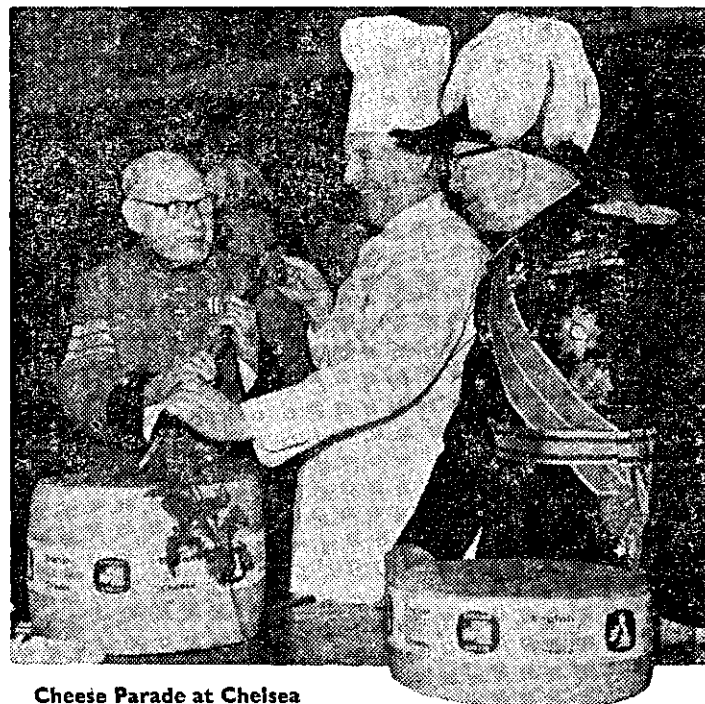
includes a beadle carrying a 16th century staff, two trumpeters, a page carrying a mustard pot, then two chefs bearing the Boar's Head, a carver carrying a knife and fork, some nine or ten men and boys to form a choir, and lastly a chaplain. The carol of the Boar's Head is then sung, and four fanfares are sounded.

In Dewsbury, Yorkshire, the custom of Tolling the Devil's Knell has been kept for seven hundred years. Every Christmas Eve the bell is tolled once for every year A.D. The last stroke, by tradition, must be rung exactly at midnight. Legend holds that this ceremony keeps the devil out of the parish for the coming year.

Vicar With the Drums

On Boxing Day at Thaxted, in Essex, the Vicar plays pipe and drums while the townsmen perform their traditional Morris dance. They dress in white corduroy trousers and red and white striped waistcoats. Preparations for this show are strenuous and the men practise for many hours beforehand. A collection is made for charity.

Each year at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, pupils form an unusual carol singing procession. One girl dresses as Mary and rides a donkey, led by another child dressed as Joseph. The rest of the girls follow reverently behind, making a striking scene in their cloaks and hoods of scarlet.



Cheese Parade at Chelsea



Christmas cake for Goldie the pony



Carols from Tunbridge Wells schoolgirls



HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

CHILDREN IN CARE

For most of you Christmas will be a happy time with your family. But what about the young children without parents?

This is the season of goodwill and so let us think for a moment about them.

There are thousands of boys and girls all over the country with no homes of their own and no parents to look after them. Fortunately the State does not allow them to remain without shelter and without help.

In 1948, The Children Act came into force. Under this law local authorities (county councils, county borough councils, etc) must take into their care, where it seems necessary, any child in their

area under 17 who has no parent or guardian, who is abandoned or lost, or whose parents are unable to look after it. The local authorities must keep a child in care until it is 18 years old or no longer requires it. They are also required to restore children to the care of their parents or guardians, if possible, as soon as they can.

Children are also placed in care for other reasons, such as for being beyond control.

Fortunately, most of the children are in the care of local authorities for only a short time. Nearly two-thirds of children go into care because of the illness of a parent or guardian. They include children whose mothers are having another baby. About three-quarters of all children in care eventually go back to a parent, guardian, relative or friend. So for the majority there is a happy ending.

When a local authority takes children into its care, what does it do with them?

Foster Parents

About half are boarded out with foster parents—people who agree to accept them into their homes and look after them properly. Here they really get another home in place of their own. Most of the rest are placed in Children's Homes. These are run either by the local authority itself or by a voluntary association (such as Dr. Barnardo's or the Church of England Children's Society). Most of these homes are now quite small, with perhaps about twelve children in each of them.

On this Christmas Day about 60,000 children will be in the care of local authorities.

Next Week:
**OLD FOLKS
AT HOME**



Stirring time for these youngsters at a Dr. Barnardo's Home!

TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE



ANIMAL LEGENDS OF CHRISTMAS

In the Middle Ages no-one doubted that every living creature had shared in the miracle of the Nativity.

Tradition had it that the raven was the first bird to learn of Christ's birth, but the cock was the first to proclaim it as he cried, "Christus natus est!" (Christ is born!) Since then, said the legends, cocks crowed all through the night of 24th December.

Another long-held belief was that a robin was aroused by the noise and bustle caused by the Angels and the shepherds. He flew to where the Christ Child lay and sang the first bird-song that Jesus heard. As a reward, we are told, God gave the robin a sweeter note thereafter.

As the baby Jesus lay in a direct draught, the doves, roosting in the stable rafters, gently pitted Him. They flew down and spread their wings around His head to shelter Him from the cold air.

In Normandy the wren is called the Poulette de Dieu, because she is said to have covered the Holy



The Christmas robin
John Markham

Infant with moss and her own feathers to provide a coverlet for Him.

Protection and tenderness shows through all these animal legends.

Even the donkey on which Our Lady had ridden brayed loudly to frighten away any lurking rats and mice. This frightened the Child, so the cattle lowed Him to sleep again.

Another lovely tradition is that the oxen, sheltering in the stable, declined to eat any hay on 24th December, as they wished to save it for the Holy Babe. As a result, Our Lady was able to make Him the softest possible bed to lie on.

Kneeling Cattle

Another belief was that at midnight on 24th December the cattle turned to the east and knelt while the bees hummed the Hundredth Psalm in their hives.

Another legend tells of how the glow-worm received her light. She, too, wanted to give the Holy Babe a gift, but could only find a small hayseed. This was her one treasure, so she laboriously rolled it along the ground to the stable. There the Child touched her in gratitude, and gave her a soft gentle light to pass on to her children.



▲ Merlin, the great magician



Young Wart succeeds where others fail ▼

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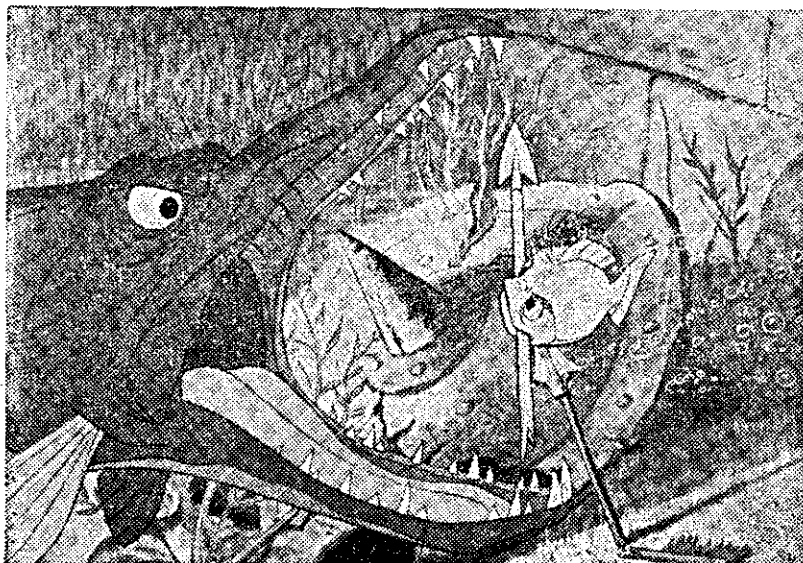


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ARCHIMEDES

21st December, 1963



Wart is turned by Merlin into a small fish, as part of his education



Madam Mim, the witch, tries a little crocodile act

THE FILM STORY

BURIED deep in a great stone is a sword with these words engraved on the hilt: "Whosoever pulleth out this sword from this stone is rightwise King of all England." At the time of this story, England is without a King . . .

Deep in the forest, Merlin the Magician is being scoffed at by his companion—an owl named Archimedes—for laying a place at table for a guest he predicts will arrive in exactly half an hour's time.

Meanwhile, an eleven-year-old boy called Wart is hunting nearby with Sir Ector's son, Kay, a lad of twenty, to whom Wart is learning to be squire. Wart jostles Kay as he aims for a deer and the arrow goes wide of its mark. Wart goes into the wood to look for the arrow and finds it lodged in a tree that overhangs Merlin's cottage. On reaching it, Wart overbalances and falls through the roof—straight into the chair Merlin has waiting for him—right on time as predicted!

Merlin decides to tutor Wart in knowledge of the future and in a flash has them both inside Sir Ector's castle, where Sir Penilore arrives bringing news of a forthcoming tournament in London, for which the prize is to be the crown of the realm. Sir Ector decides that his son, Kay, shall compete and that Wart shall go with him.

On the Great Day, Wart remembers he has left Kay's sword at the Inn. He rushes back and sees a sword buried in a stone. He pulls it out with ease and takes it to Kay.

No one believes his story, so back they all go to the stone, replace the sword and one by one try to pull it out. It remains fast until Wart tries, and, for the second time, releases it. He is then pronounced the new King, and when Merlin offers to be his counsellor, Wart gladly accepts. Well, that's the story. But you have to see how Walt Disney tells it!

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THE SWORD THE STONE

Arthur's Boyhood As Disney Sees It

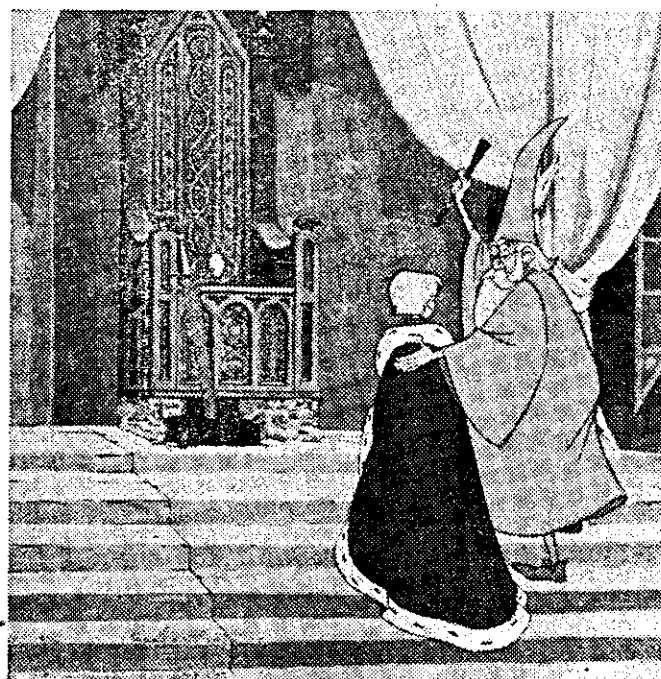


▲ Even the strongest cannot pull the sword from the stone

The young king and his old friend climb the steps to the throne ▼



MERLIN AS A FISH

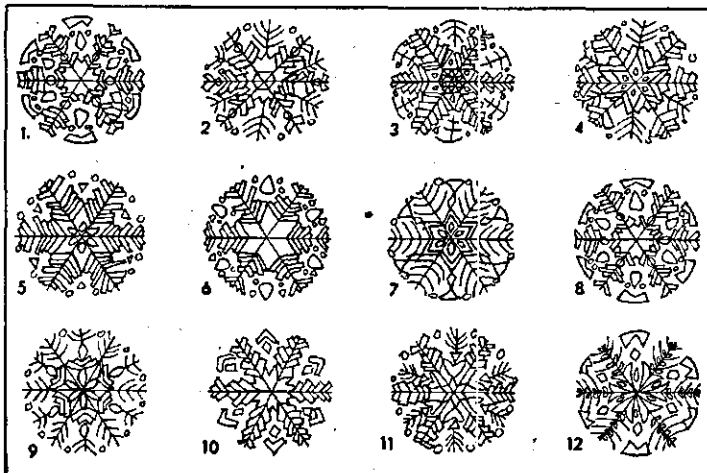


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WART AS A BIRD

PICK A PUZZLE

TWIN SNOWFLAKES



SEVEN ANSWERS NEEDED HERE

What is another name for the Aurora Borealis?
 Who discovered (a) the North Pole and (b) the South Pole?
 What and where is the Pentagon?
 Which is England's highest mountain?
 Between which two towns was England's first passenger railway opened?

All these snowflakes appear to be different, but there are two exactly the same. Can you spot them?

DISHES FROM FOREIGN LANDS

The five dishes below are associated with foreign lands. Can you name them?

Spaghetti, goulash, curry, snails, chop suey.

CLOTHES PLEASE

An article of clothing is hidden in each of the sentences below. Can you find all five?

We had lunch at a quaint old restaurant near the castle.

What I enjoy most is a good thriller.

I have studied the matter carefully and can offer no solution.

I will lend you this book, but it must be returned soon.

My dog loves his morning walk through the woods.

MISSING SIX



All but six letters of the alphabet are included in the picture above. Re-arranged, they form a Christmas tradition.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Sharpen your wits on these topical questions and see how much you know about this happiest time of the year. Try them on your friends and compare scores!

1. Have we always celebrated Christmas on 25th December?
2. Good King Wenceslas really existed. In which country did he reign?
3. Why is Christmas sometimes called Yule-tide?
4. *Heleborus niger* is the botanical name for which Christmas plant?
5. *Adeste Fidelis* was translated into English in 1841. What is its English title?
6. Who designed the first commercial Christmas card?
7. Can you name two British royal ladies each with Christmas Day birthdays?
8. What is the secret of tying a parcel really tightly?
9. The Victorians named one Christmas treat, "the crown of the feast." Do you know what it is?
10. Which old Elizabethan dish has a carol named after it?

THE FIFTH IS OUT OF PLACE

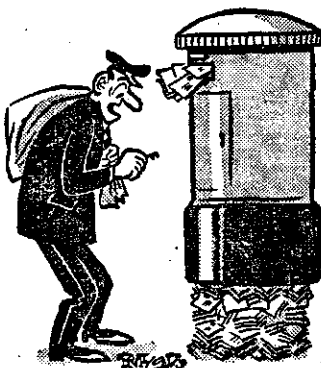
Four of the famous names below have something in common. But the fifth is out of place. Which—and why?

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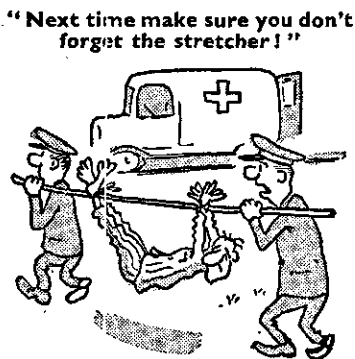
WORD-CHANGING IN FOUR MOVES

Can you change the word TOAD to BELT in four moves, altering one letter at a time, yet always forming a complete word?

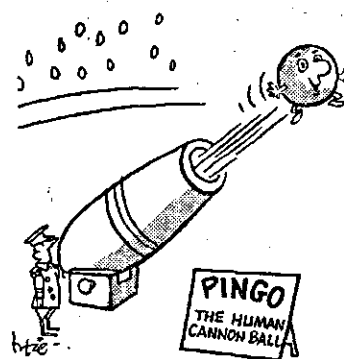
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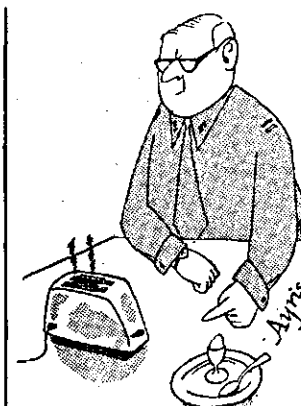
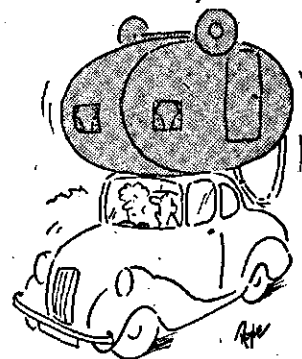
"Well—the Christmas rush has certainly started!"



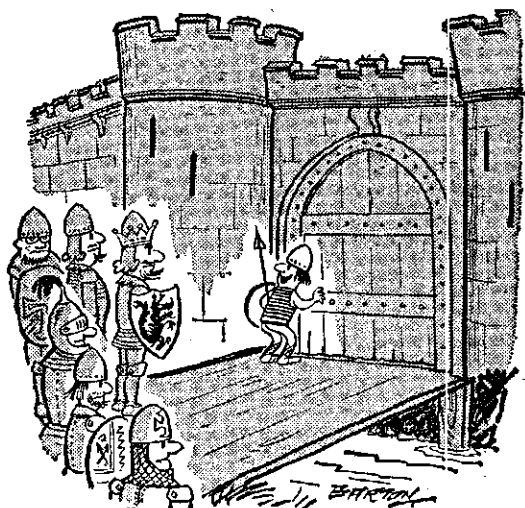
"Next time make sure you don't forget the stretcher!"



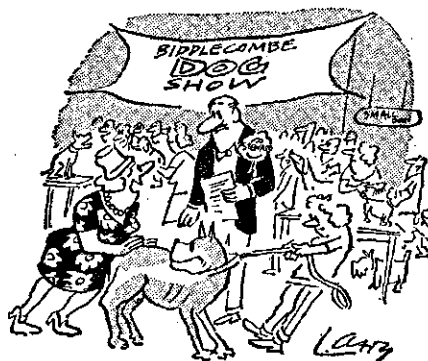
"I wish you wouldn't stop so suddenly!"



"Five... four... three... two..."



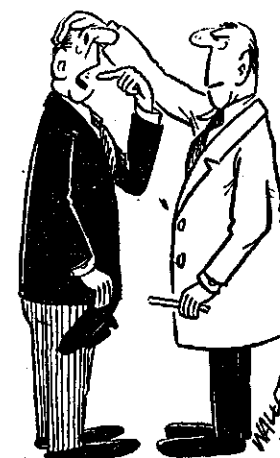
"They're in—I can hear the oil boiling!"



"We've got him down for the 'Obedience Test'."



"An Earthling wishes to see you, sir."



"I was (wheep!—wheep!) showing my son how to blow a Christmas cracker whistle (wheep!) when (wheep!)..."

LAUGH TIME

The Twelve Days of Christmas

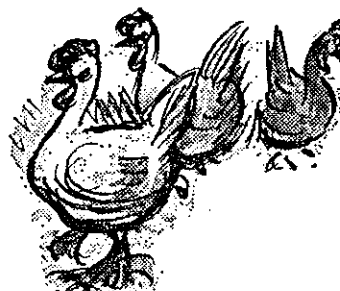
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On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me—
A partridge in a pear tree.



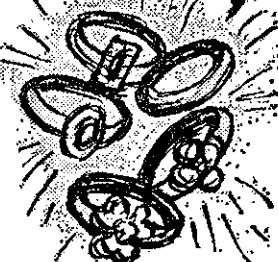
On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me—
Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.



On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me—
Three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.



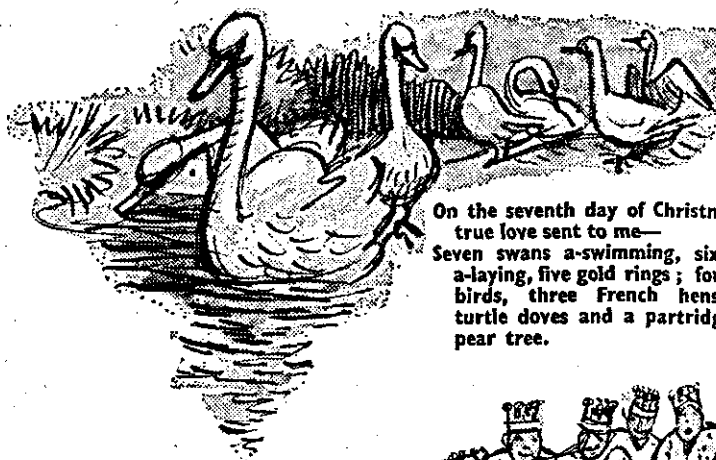
On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me—
Four colly birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.



On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me—
Five gold rings; four colly birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.



On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me—
Six geese a-laying, five gold rings; four colly birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.



On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me—
Seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings; four colly birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.



On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me—
Eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings; four colly birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.



On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me—
Nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings; four colly birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.



On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me—
Ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings; four colly birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.



On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me—
Eleven pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings; four colly birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.



On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me—
Twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings; four colly birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

WORLD OF STAMPS

STORY OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

SIXTY years ago this Christmas, Einar Holboell, postmaster of a large Copenhagen post office, had a brain-wave. Seeing the piles of Christmas mail awaiting delivery in his post office, he wondered if the people sending cards and presents to their friends might also be willing to contribute a small sum to help poor or sick children.

The question was—how to collect these small sums of money for charity?

Being a postmaster and accustomed to handling postage stamps, Einar Holboell soon found the answer. Why not sell special stamps at a fraction of a penny each, and give the money to help needy children?

The following year Einar Holboell put his scheme into operation. The first Christmas seals were placed on sale in

Denmark at 2-ore, less than a farthing, each. So popular were the seals that a new issue was made every Christmas.

By 1911, enough money had been raised by their sales to open a sanatorium for Danish children needing hospital treatment.

The first Christmas seals had a portrait of Queen Louise of Denmark. Another early issue, pictured here, had a portrait of Einar Holboell himself.

The Danish scheme soon spread to other countries. Sweden, Norway, and Iceland were among the first to adopt it, and some of the Scandinavian seals have very attractive designs. Pictured here is the 1950 Christmas seal from Norway. It shows two children gazing at the Christmas star. "God Jul"—(Good Yuletide, or Happy Christmas)—says the inscription.

The first American seals were sold in 1907 in aid of the American Red Cross. Since then their sales have raised millions of dollars for charity. Some American seals are designed in pairs, like the 1958 example seen here.

In Britain, Christmas seals are now sold in aid of a large number of charitable societies. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution,



the National Spastics Society, and the National Tuberculosis Association are among many which have raised funds in this way.

Depicted above is one of a

by C. W. Hill

series sold to help the Greater London Fund for the Blind. It shows London's annual Christmas present from the city of Oslo, the giant Christmas tree which stands in Trafalgar Square (see page 1).

These seals have no value for postal purposes and cannot be used to pay postage. For this reason stamp collectors do not usually include them in their stamp collections. But Christmas seals have gay designs and their sales provide large sums of money for charity, so that a few pages mounted separately from one's postage stamps will make an attractive and worthwhile supplement to any stamp collection.



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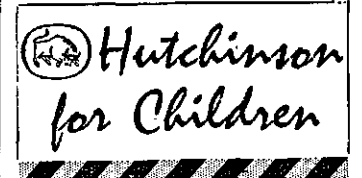
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ACROSS: 1 Christmas hymns. 5 They make the party go with a bang. 9 Old-time name for Christmas. 10 Part of speech. 11 Estranged. 12 Miserly. 14 Found on toe and finger. 16 "The holly and the —" 18 Agreement. 23 Rudimentary or early state. 25 Flow back. 27 Flower, or part of the eye. 29 Curved structure. 32 Speck of dust. 33 To separate. 34 Strewn. 35 "— peasant who is he?" (Good King Wenceslas).
DOWN: 2 Sharp. 3 Sea. 4 White metallic element. 5 Angle. 6 To aid. 7 Benevolence. 8 Social gathering after separation. 13 Some. 15 Sweet potato. 16 Frozen water. 17 Timid. 19 It catches the wind. 20 It usually holds the Christmas tree. 21 Shaped like the new Moon. 22 Decay. 24 The pioneer of wireless. 25 Make a mistake. 26 Extra space for movement. 28 Suppressed. 29 The trembling poplar. 30 To sculpture. 31 Hind part.

Answer on page 12.

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CONTINUING A THRILLING STORY OF THE GOLD-RUSH DAYS IN CALIFORNIA

BY THE GREAT HORN SPOON!

Among the gold-seekers on their way to California are Master Jack Flagg and his aunt's butler, Praiseworthy, who boarded the *Lady Wilma* as stowaways after their passage-money had been stolen. Having done a spell of hard work at the furnace, they found the thief, recovered their money and were given a cabin, shared by, among others, a peg-legged horse doctor named Dr. Buckbee, who has just discovered that his secret map of a gold-mine is missing...

3. Battered and Becalmed

"MY map! It's been stolen!" Dr. Buckbee wailed. "There's only one man aboard who'd do a thing like that," said Mountain Jim. "Cut-Eye Higgins—the bogus judge. Why, he even stole Jack and Praiseworthy's passage-money before they came aboard!"

But almost at once it was discovered that Cut-Eye Higgins had gone. And when Jack reached the afterdeck, he found that Good Luck, too, was missing. Even the small stern boat was there no more.

"The scoundrel!" Captain Swain stormed. "He must have gone the night we lay off Rio, waiting to enter the channel. Rowed himself ashore."

"Then I'm ruined, sir. Ruined," said Dr. Buckbee.

"Nonsense," said Praiseworthy. "I dare say there's more than one gold mine in California. You may be the first man among us to strike it rich."

Jack was sorry about Dr. Buckbee and his treasure map, but he was pleased with Good Luck's good luck.

The days grew shorter. Jack, who had been going barefoot for weeks to keep cool, now put on his shoes to keep warm.

For days he and Praiseworthy watched the crew tighten the rigging and check the canvas against the coming winds and crashing seas of Cape Horn. An air of impending adventure ran through the ship. Jack listened to tales of whaling ships disappearing forever from the roaring Cape; of square-riggers with their masts uprooted like trees; of brigs driven back by terrifying headwinds and of barks wandering in endless fogs.

"Nonsense," Praiseworthy would say. "Mere sea yarns."

Nevertheless, the nearer the *Lady Wilma* crept to the furious tip of the continent, the more eager Captain Swain became. They were waters to test a master's skill.

"I must admit," said Praiseworthy, "that I'm rather keen on having a look at the notorious Cape. You might watch for fires."

"Fires?" said Jack. "At Tierra del Fuego. The captain tells me the natives keep great fires going day and night. Keep themselves and their sheep from freezing. Tierra del Fuego. Land of Fire—that's what the name means..."

ALMOST without warning, the first storm came roaring off the Arctic wastes and bore down on the paddlewheeler. The sun went out like a match. Long, shrieking winds, loaded with hailstones, struck the ship like buckshot. The oak wheel spun out of the hands of the quartermaster. The *Lady Wilma* went teetering

over on her side, digging her ribs into the seas.

"I do believe we've arrived off the Horn," said Praiseworthy, hanging on to his tall hat.

Captain Swain lent a hand to the wheel, righting the ship and turning her bowsprit into the wind. In the main saloon the gold-seekers had been thrown together in a tangle of arms and legs. No sooner did they unravel themselves than another violent lurch of the ship knotted them together again.

The ship's bell rang in the wind. Howling blasts ripped off the tops of the waves. Riding the swells, the *Lady Wilma* seemed to climb halfway into the sky, only to drop with a crash into the troughs.

The nights were now sixteen hours long and the days a mere glimmer of light. Whale-oil lamps flickered in the passageways day and night, and it was hard to tell one from the other.

Headwinds battled the paddlewheeler to a complete standstill, and Jack began to wonder if they would ever reach the Pacific. The *Lady Wilma* was thrashing with all her steam to stay in one place.

"Do you think there's any chance we might catch up with the *Sea Raven*?" he asked, hanging on to his hammock.

"We could pass within a hundred yards of each other without knowing it," Praiseworthy said.

"I hope we win," said Jack. "I don't think Captain Swain has the slightest intention of losing," said Praiseworthy.

FOR thirty-seven days the side-wheeler battered and rammed her way through crashing headwinds that attempted to drive her back. And then, on a Tuesday morning, the sun broke out, clear and sharp.

"We've made it!" yelled Mountain Jim, throwing down his yellow fur cap. "Boys, this here's the Pacific Ocean!"

A yell went up around the ship and Captain Swain leaned out of the pilothouse. His beard had grown an inch. He gave a hearty wave and then came out on the paddlebox with his long glass. After a moment of sweeping the seas he stopped.

"By grabs!" he roared. "There she is—the *Sea Raven*. And she's astern of us!"

"A remarkable performance," said Praiseworthy. But he was baffled. It seemed hardly possible that the *Lady Wilma* had charged ahead against the furies of the past thirty-seven days. And yet, there stood the *Sea Raven* behind them as proof.

"I watched for the fires of Tierra del Fuego," said Jack. "But I never did catch sight of them, Praiseworthy."

Suddenly, the butler's eyes lit up.

"The fires were there Jack, but we weren't!" he said.

At that moment Captain Swain had joined the gold-seekers on the afterdeck.

"I hope you gentlemen enjoyed your passage around the Horn," said the wild bull of the seas.

"We haven't been around the Horn, sir," said Jack gleefully.

Captain Swain gave him a twinkling glance. "Is that so?"

"What he means is that you have pulled off a most daring piece of seamanship, sir," said Praiseworthy. "The reason Master Jack didn't catch sight of the great fires at land's end is that you took the ship through the deadly Strait of Magellan!"

by
Sid Fleischman

"The Strait of Magellan, you say!" The captain rubbed his plump nose. "Why, that's a regular ship's graveyard." And then he gave Jack a heavy squint. "Of course, it cuts hundreds of miles off the voyage around the Horn. Hundreds of miles. A ship's master can be sorely tempted..."

Day after day the two gold ships beat their way north along the ragged coast of Chile. Black smoke boiled up from their funnels and headwinds spun it out into long streamers.

Jack sat on a keg and Praiseworthy stood over him with a pair of scissors. The boy's hair had shot up like broomstraw during the long passage through the Strait, and Praiseworthy had no intention of letting it grow any longer.

He had scarcely made the first

snip, when a shout from the lookout drew everyone's attention to the *Sea Raven* astern.

"She's stopped making smoke, Captain!"

Smoke had indeed stopped billowing from her funnel. Captain Swain came out on deck and gave the ship a glance.

"Her coal bunkers are empty," he said. "She went around the Horn. We saved fuel slipping through the Strait. But we're not in much better shape ourselves, gentlemen. If this wind doesn't turn around, we'll be burning our last lump of coal soon enough!"

But the wind didn't turn around. It died away completely.

The *Lady Wilma* was able to keep steam up for almost a week longer. Then came the day when the last shovelful of coal was scraped out of the bins. The boiler fire burned out. The merry thrash and throb of the sidewheels ceased, and the *Lady Wilma* sat becalmed.

Day after day the gold ship languished on the sea, waiting for a good wind to fill her canvas. A week passed. Two. And then the fresh water in the tanks got dangerously low and Captain Swain ordered it rationed—for drinking only.

ANOTHER week passed and one passenger—Mr. Azariah Jones—was a worried man, for his eighteen barrels of potatoes began to spoil in the hold.

"I'm a poor man," he groaned. "I had every cent I own in those potatoes."

"Then you must sell them," remarked Praiseworthy, who wished only to be of service.

"Sell spoiled potatoes? Who do you think will buy them?"

"I haven't the faintest idea," said Praiseworthy. "But that's only because I haven't given the matter any thought."

It was a knotty problem, even for Praiseworthy.

The next day the French immigrant, Monsieur Gaunt, could be seen pacing the decks in one direction while Mr. Azariah Jones paced it in the other.

"My grape cuttings are drying

up and the captain will not give me a drop of fresh water to keep them alive. I'm ruined!" declared the Frenchman.

"Then you must water them," said Praiseworthy.

The Frenchman shook his head. "I have fifty gold pieces in my money belt, but a thousand gold pieces will not buy me a drop of fresh water on this ship!"

"We must find a way," said Praiseworthy.

FRESH water and coal lay waiting a thousand miles farther north, at the port of Callao on the coast of Peru. But the *Lady Wilma* seemed rooted to the spot, becalmed and motionless. Even if a stiff wind came up, the gold ship could hardly make port soon enough to save the grape cuttings. And not even in Callao, Praiseworthy supposed, could he find a buyer for eighteen barrels of spoiled potatoes.

"Indeed, Master Jack," he said. "I seem to be a failure in my first attempt at both trade and agriculture. I suppose we should, at the very least, reimburse Mr. Azariah Jones for the few raw potatoes we helped ourselves to as stowaways."

Suddenly Jack's eyebrows shot up. A thought bolted through him like lightning. As Mr. Azariah Jones came pacing down the deck from one direction and Monsieur Gaunt came pacing from the other, he quickly explained his idea; and Praiseworthy's eyes instantly lit up.

"Gentlemen," said the butler, "Master Jack here tells me I have hit upon a marvellous idea."

"What's this?" asked Mr. Azariah Jones, his hands clasped hopelessly behind his back.

"Monsieur Gaunt," said Praiseworthy. "As your agricultural adviser, I suggest that you buy Mr. Azariah Jones's eighteen barrels of potatoes. Spoiled they may be—but they're juicy. Master Jack can attest that. Why, they're like fat raindrops in brown skins. Monsieur Gaunt, you need only poke each of your grape cuttings into a plump potato. I dare say they will stay alive all the way to Callao."

The bargain was struck on the spot.

"Gentlemen," said Mr. Azariah Jones, beaming at Praiseworthy and Jack, "you'll need a few tools in the gold fields. When we reach Callao, I'm going to buy you the best pick and shovel to be had."

"On the contrary," corrected the Frenchman. "It is I who will buy them the best pick and shovel in Callao. In all of Peru!"

The next morning a wind from the south came up and the *Lady Wilma*'s canvas swelled out in great white billows. A happy shout went up and the ship began to move through the sea.

Callao lay ten days ahead when, hanging on to a yard-arm, Jack was the first to notice a white speck on the horizon behind the *Lady Wilma*.

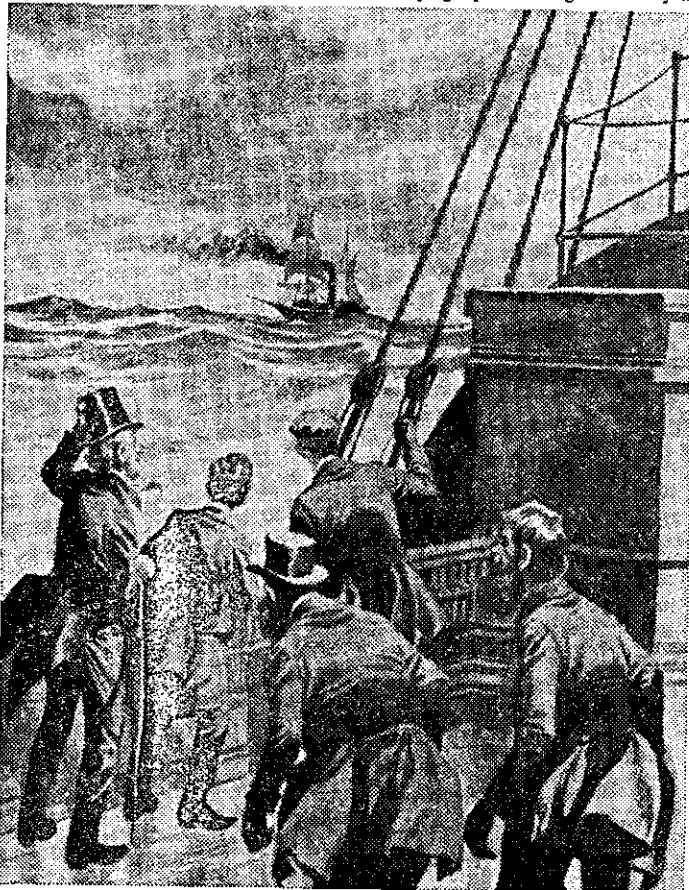
The speck grew into sails, the sails into a ship, and the ship turned out to be the *Sea Raven*.

By noon the *Sea Raven* was alongside, skimming lightly over the seas. The wind seemed to pick her up and carry her along like a feather.

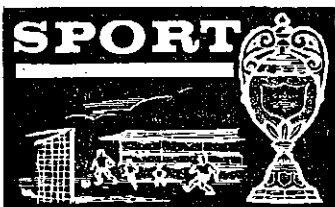
"By grabs!" roared Captain Swain. "And me half-sunk in the water with building brick. Bricks! I've a notion to dump them overboard!"

By dusk the *Sea Raven* was gone, far ahead beyond the horizon.

To be continued.
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Praiseworthy was baffled—yet there was the *Sea Raven*



SPORTS QUIZ

How good is your memory? Here is a quiz which concerns sports events and sports people in the news in 1963. Why not hold a competition among your friends, giving a little prize to the one who has the highest number of correct answers?

Answers in column 5.

Athletics

1. Name the girls who set up a world record for Britain in the 4x110-yards relay.
2. A Chinese athlete is said to be the world's greatest all-rounder. Can you name him?
3. Last season Great Britain met the USA, West Germany, and the Russian Federal Republic. Did any of those three countries defeat the British teams?

Lawn Tennis

1. Who won the men's and the ladies' singles titles?
2. A new competition, the Federation Cup, was held at the Queen's Club, London, in June. What particular occasion did it mark?

Netball

1. Which country won the world's first Netball Tournament?



Soccer

1. This player was interviewed by CN when with a London club; he is now with Swindon Town. Can you name the player and his former club?
2. Where was the Final of the European Cup-winners' Cup played and who were the winners?

Rowing

1. Who won the Boat Race?
2. Britain's single sculls champion competed in the European Women's Championships in Moscow. Who is she?

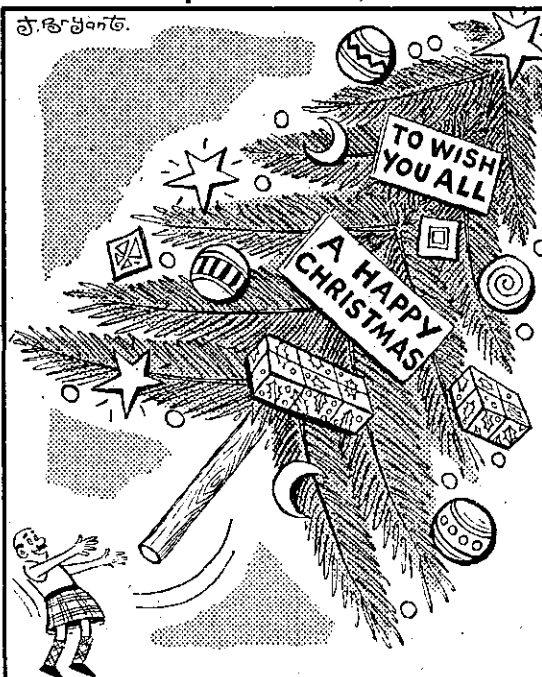
Rugby

1. Which team holds the Rugby League Cup?
2. The Australian touring side have won this season's series against Great Britain. True or false?
3. The All Blacks from New Zealand have a Rugby League match against Wales at Cardiff on 21st December? What is wrong with this?

Swimming

1. Name the girl who, coached by Olympic champion Anita Lonsbrough, won the junior 100-yards backstroke title in the schools' championships.
2. Who holds the world record for the men's 110-yards free-style?

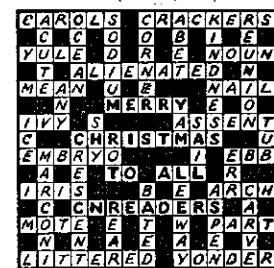
ALL-ROUND ALFIE



ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Twin Snowflakes: 1 and 8. Seven answers needed Here: Northern Lights; (a) Peary (USA); (b) Amundsen (Norway); Headquarters of the US Armed Forces, Washington; Scafell (3,210 feet); Stockton and Darlington (1825). Dishes from foreign Lands: Spaghetti—Italy; goulash—Hungary; curry—India; snails—France; chop suey—China. Clothes Please: Hat; tie; vest; beret; glove. Missing Six: Carols. Christmas Quiz: 1 No. In the early Church it was sometimes 6th January or 25th March. In 1644 our Puritan Parliament forbade the celebration of Christmas. 2 Bohemia. 3 Yule is a Scandinavian word meaning "rejoicing." Our Danish ancestors used it for the Christmas feast. 4 Christmas rose. 5 O Come All Ye Faithful. 6 H. C. Horsley, RA, (in 1843) at request of publisher Sir Henry Cole. 7 The Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alexandra. 8 Wet the string a little before use, then it shrinks as it dries. 9 The Christmas pudding. 10 The Boar's Head. The fifth is out of Place: Yangtze—a river. The others are mountains. Word-changing in four Moves: Toad, told, bold, bolt, belt.

Christmas Crossword Puzzle (P. 10)



SPORTS QUIZ

Athletics: 1 Madeleine Cobb, Mary Rand, Daphne Arden, Dorothy Hyman; 2 Chuan Kwang-Yang of Formosa, first to record over 9,000 points in the decathlon; 3 Russia beat our women's team, USA and West Germany beat our men. Cricket: 1 (c); 2 True—men v. West Indies, women v. Australian Women's touring team; 3 Sussex (top) and Worcestershire, who met in the Final of the first Knock-out Cup competition. Cycling: 1 Beryl Burton; 2 Bob Addy. Gymnastics: Nick Stuart. Ice-skating: 1 Sjoukje Dijkstra holds the World and European titles, Sally-Anne Stapleford is British champion; 2 Szuzanna Almasy of Hungary—the Richmond Trophy. Lawn Tennis: 1 Chuck McKinley (USA), Margaret Smith (Australia); 2 The 50th anniversary of the International Federation of Lawn Tennis Netball: Australia. Rowing: 1 Oxford; 2 Penny Chuter. Rugby: 1 Wakefield Trinity; 2 True—2 wins to 1; 3 It is a Rugby UNION match. Soccer: 1 Brian Foscillo, formerly with Chelsea; 2 At Rotterdam, where Tottenham Hotspur beat Atletico Madrid. Swimming: 1 Valerie Steele; 2 Bobby McGregor.

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Cycling

1. Name the world champion for the ladies' 3,000-metres pursuit event.
2. Who holds the men's national amateur road-racing championship?

Gymnastics

Eight times British champion, he has just retired from international competition. Who is he?

Ice-Skating



1. Can you name the holders of the ladies' World, European, and British figure-skating championships?
2. This skater was featured in CN in connection with a trophy. (She came from the Continent and was the youngest competitor.) Who is she and what was the trophy?

